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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/765,777	<b>Applicant(s)</b> FELLENSTEIN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Navneet K. Ahluwalia	<b>Art Unit</b> 2166	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. The application has been examined. Claims 1 – 13 are pending in this office action.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1 – 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jochemsen et al. ('Jochemsen' herein after) (US 6,757,804 B2).

With respect to claim 1,

Jochemsen discloses an apparatus for file defragmentation of at least one storage medium, comprising:

- a computer system at least coupled to the at least one storage medium (column 1 lines 11 - 25, Jochemsen);
- a tracker, wherein the tracker is at least configured to maintain a record of at least locations of a plurality of file fragments on at least one storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 58 and column 2 lines 51 – 58, Jochemsen); and

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- an agent, wherein the agent is at least: configured to operate while the computer system is at least idle (column 2 lines 58 – 67, Jochemsen); configured to defragment the plurality of file fragments (column 2 lines 1 – 10, Jochemsen); and configured to delete the record of at least locations of the plurality of file fragments (column 2 lines 58 – 67 and column 3 lines 23 – 45, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 2,

Jochemsen discloses the apparatus of claim 1, wherein the agent further comprises at least having the ability to modify attributes of defragmentation (column 3 lines 37 – 46, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 3,

Jochemsen discloses the apparatus of claim 2, wherein the attributes are selected from the group consisting of file type, frequency of access, typical access duration, interval between accesses, file/application association, file size, read attributes, update attributes, and time of day of typical access (column 4 lines 22 – 226 and 42 – 47, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 4,

Jochemsen discloses an apparatus for monitoring file defragmentation of at least one storage medium at least coupled to a computer system, comprising:

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- a memory, wherein the memory is at least configured to store locations of a plurality of file fragments (column 1 lines 49 – 58 and column 2 lines 51 – 58, Jochemsen);
- a system monitor, wherein the system monitor at least determines if file fragmentation occurs when data is written to, deleted from, or scanned from the at least one storage media (column 2 lines 58 – 67, Jochemsen); and
- an accounting means, wherein the accounting means is at least configured to store locations of a plurality of file fragments when the system monitor has at least determined that file fragmentation has occurred (column 3 lines 23 – 45, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 5,

Jochemsen discloses an apparatus for file defragmentation of at least one storage medium at least coupled to a computer system, comprising:

- a memory, wherein the memory is at least configured to store locations of a plurality of file fragments (column 1 lines 49 – 58 and column 2 lines 51 – 58, Jochemsen);
- an idle monitor, wherein the idle monitor is at least configured to enable defragmentation while the computer system is at least idle (column 2 lines 58 – 67, Jochemsen);

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- a defragmenter, wherein the defragmenter is at least configured to defragment the plurality of file fragments (column 1 lines 49 – 53, Jochemsen); and
- an update monitor, wherein the update monitor is at least configured to delete a record in the memory of at least locations of the plurality of file fragments that at least been defragmented (column 3 lines 23 – 45, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 6,

Jochemsen discloses the apparatus of claim 5, wherein the agent further comprises at least having the ability to modify attributes of defragmentation (column 3 lines 37 – 46, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 7,

Jochemsen discloses the apparatus of claim 6, wherein the attributes are selected from the group consisting of file type, frequency of access, typical access duration, interval between accesses, file/application association, file size, read attributes, update attributes, and time of day of typical access (column 4 lines 22 – 226 and 42 – 47, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 8,

Jochemsen discloses a method of for file defragmentation of at least one storage medium coupled to a computer system, comprising:

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- determining if fragmentation occurs when data is written to, deleted from, or scanned from the at least one storage media (column 1 lines 49 – 58, Jochemsen); storing locations of a plurality of file fragments when the system monitor has at least determined that file fragmentation has occurred in a storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 58 and column 2 lines 51 – 58, Jochemsen);
- determining if the computer system is idle if the computer system is not idle, sleeping for an interval (column 1 lines 49 – 58, Jochemsen); if the computer system is idle, defragmenting a file (column 2 lines 58 – 67, Jochemsen);
- determining if defragmentation is complete if defragmentation is complete, deleting the location of the fragmented file clusters in the storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 53, Jochemsen); if defragmentation is not complete, determining if defragmentation is stopped by activity (column 3 lines 22 – 34, Jochemsen); if defragmentation is stopped by activity, sleeping for an interval (column 2 lines 1 – 10, Jochemsen); and if defragmentation is not stopped by activity, reporting an error (column 3 lines 23 – 45, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 9,

Jochemsen discloses a method for monitoring file defragmentation of at least one storage medium at least coupled to a computer system, comprising:

- determining if file fragmentation occurs when data is written to, deleted from, or scanned from the at least one storage media (column 1 lines 11 - 25,

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Jochemsen); and storing locations of a plurality of file fragments when the system monitor has at least determined that file fragmentation has occurred in a storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 58 and column 2 lines 51 – 58, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 10,

Jochemsen discloses a method of defragmenting at least one storage medium coupled to a computer system, comprising:

- determining if the computer system is idle if the computer system is not idle, sleeping for an interval (column 2 lines 1 – 10, Jochemsen); if the computer system is idle, defragmenting the file (column 2 lines 58 – 67, Jochemsen);
- determining if defragmentation is complete if defragmentation is complete, deleting a location of the fragmented file clusters in a storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 53, Jochemsen); if defragmentation is not complete, determining if stopped by activity (column 3 lines 22 – 34, Jochemsen); if defragmentation is stopped by activity, sleeping for an interval (column 2 lines 1 – 10, Jochemsen); and if defragmentation is not stopped by activity, reporting an error (column 3 lines 23 – 45, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 11,

Jochemsen discloses a computer program product for file defragmentation of at least one storage medium at least coupled to a computer system, the computer



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program product having a medium embodied thereon, the computer program

comprising:

- computer code for determining if fragmentation occurs when data is written to, deleted from, or scanned from the at least one storage media (column 1 lines 49 – 58, Jochemsen); computer code for storing locations of a plurality of file fragments when the system monitor has at least determined that file fragmentation has occurred in a storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 58 and column 2 lines 51 – 58, Jochemsen);
- computer code for determining if the computer system is idle, if the computer system is not idle, computer code for sleeping for an interval (column 2 lines 1 – 10, Jochemsen); if the computer system is idle, computer code for defragmenting a file (column 2 lines 58 – 67, Jochemsen); computer code for determining if defragmentation is complete; if defragmentation is complete, computer code for deleting the location of the fragmented file clusters in the storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 53, Jochemsen); if defragmentation is not complete, computer code for determining if defragmentation is stopped by activity (column 3 lines 22 – 34, Jochemsen); if defragmentation is stopped by activity, computer code for sleeping for an interval (column 2 lines 1 – 10, Jochemsen); and if defragmentation is not stopped by activity, computer code for reporting an error (column 3 lines 23 – 45, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 12,

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Jochemsen discloses a computer program product for monitoring file defragmentation of at least one storage medium at least coupled to a computer system, the computer program product having a medium embodied thereon, the computer program comprising:

- computer code for determining if file fragmentation occurs when data is written to, deleted from, or scanned from the at least one storage media (column 1 lines 49 – 58, Jochemsen); and computer code for storing locations of a plurality of file fragments when the system monitor has at least determined that file fragmentation has occurred in a storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 58 and column 2 lines 51 – 58, Jochemsen).

With respect to claim 13,

Jochemsen discloses a computer program product for defragmenting at least one storage medium coupled to a computer system, the computer program product having a medium embodied thereon, the computer program comprising:

- computer code for determining if the computer system is idle, if the computer system is not idle, computer code for sleeping for an interval (column 1 lines 49 – 58, Jochemsen); if the computer system is idle, computer code for defragmenting a file (column 2 lines 58 – 67, Jochemsen);
- computer code for determining if defragmentation is complete, if defragmentation is complete, computer code for deleting a location of the fragmented file clusters in a storage medium (column 1 lines 49 – 53,

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Jochemsen); if defragmentation is not complete, computer code for determining if stopped by activity (column 3 lines 22 – 34, Jochemsen); if defragmentation is stopped by activity, computer code for sleeping for an interval (column 2 lines 1 – 10, Jochemsen); and if defragmentation is not stopped by activity, computer code for reporting an error (column 3 lines 23 – 45, Jochemsen).

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**Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Navneet K. Ahluwalia whose telephone number is 571-272-5636. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm.

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